GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2652
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OBJECTIVE OF SAINIK SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the main objective of Sainik Schools;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has taken a decision to start Sainik Schools through competent voluntary organizations with aim to establish one sainik school in each district of the State;

(c) if so, whether the above proposal has been pending with the Ministry of Defence for clearance;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in granting clearance;

(e) whether there is any proposal to open at least one Sainik School for girls in each revenue district;

(f) if so, the number of Sainik Schools opened for girls in Maharashtra;

(g) whether the girls are not permitted to appear in NDA examination;

(h) if so, the reason therefor;

(i) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested to permit the admission of girls to the competitive examination of NDA; and

(j) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The primary aim of Sainik Schools is to prepare boys academically, physically and mentally for entry into the Armed Forces through the National Defence Academy. The other objectives are to bring public school education within the reach of the common man, to remove regional imbalance in the officer`s cadre of the Armed Forces and to develop qualities of body, mind and character which will enable the young boys of today to become good and useful citizens of tomorrow.

(b) to (f): No such proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra.

(g) Girls are not permitted to appear in National Defence Academy examination.

(h) The NDA is for boys who are considered for grant of permanent commission in the Armed Forces. Ladies are not considered for grant of permanent commission, except as medical officers, in the Armed Forces and hence are not eligible to appear in the NDA examination.

(i) Yes, Sir.

(j) The matter has been deliberated and no change in the existing rules is contemplated at present.